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Mr Sam Lacy
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Dear Sam:

First of all I am sorry you left the meeting when you did, although I can understand your feelings. You were wrong in one way, and right in another. I have investigated and found out how The Majors do where the Press is concerned at their meetings. The papers are not admitted to the business sessions, but they are made comfortable while they are waiting for news to be given them by the secy. They are served refreshments for one thing. I am sure by another meeting I will be able to have The Press treated properly. In the meantime try and understand this is a big business being run by inexperienced people (with a couple exceptions) and consequently lots of mistakes will be made.

Now about the story appearing in the Afro this week about a trade of Watkins for Canady. I don't know where you got the story, but it is very untrue. Posey did ask Abe to make it, and he told him he was not interested at all. In the future I wish you would get releases about The Eagles from this office. Whoever gave you this story must have been trying to stir up some interest at the expense of false propagander.

I had a nice Christmas card from Monty Irvin, somewhere in France. The day before I had a letter from Johnny Hayes. He and Leon Day had met in Paris a few days before. Also in the French invasion are three more Eagles Maxwell Manning, James Brown, and James Parks. These are all in the French invasion theatre. There are seven more in the service. A complete swell ballclub. I understand Art is due back. Has he arrived yet? I would love to see him.

I am sorry we did not have more time together in New York. Hope to see you again before the season opens. Sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.